

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 667

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Bob Taylor Hime for his years of service to the people of Wayne County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Bob Taylor Hime, a longtime resident of Ross Creek in Wayne County; over the course of his long and fruitful life, Mr. Hime has devoted much of his time and energy to serving the people of his community, especially local farmers; and

WHEREAS, born on Beech Creek on November 14, 1921, to George Davis and Eugenia Conway Hime, Bob Taylor Hime moved to Ross Creek with his parents and five siblings when he was only two weeks old, and he has lived on the family home place ever since; and

WHEREAS, as a boy, Mr. Hime attended Rocky Point, a one-room school where his sister Ollie was a teacher, and after completing the eight grade there, he continued his education at Frank Hughes High School in Clifton; Mr. Hime lived only three miles from the school so he could walk or ride his bicycle to school; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school in 1941, Bob Hime joined his father in farming; together the two men raised hogs and cattle and harvested timber on their property; and

WHEREAS, at the age of twenty-one, Mr. Hime was elected Community Committeeman for the USDS in Wayne County, and he worked part-time measuring cotton and other crops using aerial photography; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hime was subsequently elected County Committeeman, and after working part-time for the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service (ASCS) for a while, Mr. Hime became an ASCS Manager, a full-time position he held for thirty-two years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hime continued to farm, and he also served as a Director for Wayne County Farm Bureau for thirty-two years; as an ASCS Manager, a Farm Bureau Director, and a private farmer, Mr. Hime worked closely with a number of agricultural agencies, including the SCS, the FMHA, the PCA, and Extension Service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hime still remembers the days when cotton was king in his community, when Wayne County boasted eleven hundred cotton allotments and approximately nine hundred plantings; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement as a Manager for ASCS, Mr. Hime was re-elected to the County Committee, and on August 4, 1992, he received a certificate marking fifty years of meritorious service; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his professional work and farming, Bob Hime has been deeply involved in the civic life of Wayne County; in January 1942, he joined the Clifton Masonic Lodge, third degree, and he twice served it as Master. For forty-three years, he was Treasurer of the Lodge; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Mr. Hime began a long involvement with the Wayne County Equalization Board, which he served in various capacities until 2009; and

WHEREAS, a highly valued member of First Baptist Church, Bob Hime has been a Deacon there for forty years; he has been a member of TASCOE for fifty years; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, Mr. Hime has been most grateful for the loving companionship of his wife of over sixty-six years, Ruth Allen May Hime, and their happy marriage has produced four children, Ann Musselwhite, Bobbie Cobb, Deborah Sue Lee, and Allen Hime; and

WHEREAS, while Mr. Hime tended to the family farm and his duties at ASCS, Mrs. Hime kept the family household running smoothly; a fine seamstress, she made all the clothing for the couple's three daughters; and

WHEREAS, Bob Hime epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to recognize and applaud Bob Hime for his dedication to this State and its citizens, especially the farmers of Wayne County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Bob Taylor Hime for his years of exemplary service to the people of Wayne County and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.